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8                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE  
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10                  HUIFANG ZHANG et al.,  
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CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01211-TL

12                  Plaintiff,  
v.  
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ORDER OF REFERENCE

14                  UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,  
Defendant.  
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17                  This action is assigned to the Honorable Tana Lin, United States District Judge. All  
18 future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number 2:19-cv-01211-TL-SKV. The  
19 Court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined that certain pretrial matters are  
20 appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described below.

21                  Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Magistrate Judge Rule (“Local MJR”) 3,  
22 the Court hereby refers to Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan all non-dispositive pretrial matters,  
23 other than those matters excluded by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A);  
24 Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). This referral includes the pending United States’ Motion to

1 Compel Discovery and Virtual Depositions from Plaintiffs (Dkt. No. 37). Federal Rule of Civil  
2 Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan's rulings  
3 concerning any non-dispositive motions. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); Local MJR 3(b).

4 Accordingly, the Court Orders that the above-entitled action is referred to Magistrate  
5 Judge S. Kate Vaughan for the specific purposes and types of motions described herein. The  
6 Court further Directs and Empowers Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan to conduct hearings and  
7 make further necessary orders consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this Order.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated this 3rd day of February, 2022.

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11 Tana Lin  
12 United States District Judge

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